

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Michael R. Friton)	Group Art Unit: TBA
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Serial No.: TBD)	Examiner: TBA
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Filed: February 12, 2004)	Atty. Docket No.: 005127.00180
)	
For: FOOTWEAR AND OTHER SYSTEMS)	
INCLUDING A FLEXIBLE MESH)	
OR BRAIDED CLOSURE SYSTEM)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

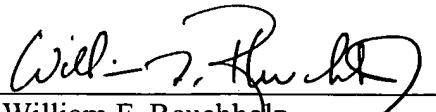
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 enclosed is a PTO Form-1449 listing documents for consideration by the Examiner and a copy of the identified documents. Applicant requests that the Examiner return the initialed PTO Form 1449 with the initial Office Action.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove the listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application. The accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the present application. No

certification or fee is required. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 12, 2004

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	11,947	11/1854	Pease			
	494,598	04/1893	Russell			
	757,424	04/1904	Vohl			
	1,258,629	03/1918	Bliss			
	1,663,319	03/1928	Snell			
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	2,015,479	09/1935	Koomrulan			
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	2,392,867	01/1946	Stoner et al.			
	2,836,909	06/1958	Richards			
	3,102,347	09/1963	Griswold et al.			
	3,175,311	03/1965	MacQuaid			
	4,231,170	11/1980	Griswold			
	4,486,965	12/1984	Friton			
	4,656,761	04/1987	Lord			

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	4,908,963	03/1990	Krajcir et al.			
	4,972,610	11/1990	Tong			
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	5,144,759	09/1992	Mascotte			
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	5,365,677	11/1994	Dalhgren			
	5,467,537	11/1995	Aveni et al.			
	5,497,564	03/1996	Allen et al.			
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	5,678,325	10/1997	Davidowitz et al.			
	5,701,688	12/1997	Crowley			
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	5,765,296	06/1998	Ludemann et al.			
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	6,018,890	02/2000	Bowen			
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